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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Online Credit Card Payment Authorization in the amount of \$1,300.00 to cover:
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\$ 810.00 for filing the Request for Continued Examination (RCE);
2. Petition for Extension of Time under 37 CFR 1.136(a);
3. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal;
4. Amendment and Reply to Accompany the Filing of a Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114;
5. Second Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement;
6. Form PTO/SB/08A (1 sheet) listing 5 documents (US2 and FP5-FP8);
7. Form PTO/SB/08B (1 sheet) listing 3 documents (NPL3-NPL5); and
8. Copies of cited documents (FP5-FP8 and NPL3-NPL4).

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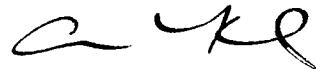
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